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Army Announces Future Growth Stationing Plan

FORT SHAFTER, HI - - The Army announced its "Grow the Army Stationing Plan" today concerning increase of Army strength by about 74,200 Soldiers over the next five years. The Army is continually adjusting its forces to remain ready to meet new security conditions, and Hawaii and Alaska are strategically important locations from which to project these forces.

The plan included possible adjustments in force levels for Hawaii or Alaska and these will receive separate National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis and documentation prior to reaching any final decision. The plan identifies potential increases of approximately 1,000 active-duty Soldiers in Hawaii and another 1,400 in Alaska.

These increases are mostly in headquarters, military police, explosive ordnance disposal, and engineer company-sized or smaller units. These units will increase key capabilities for Army operations and support to civil authorities for disaster relief. This plan details new units, additional Soldiers for existing units, and some units whose planned inactivation is cancelled.

The plan does not include the stationing decision for 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division. The 2/25 SBCT decision is a completely separate action and, currently, the U.S. Army Pacific does not have a date for release of the final EIS for that action.

A Maneuver Enhancement Brigade (MEB) consisting of 549 Soldiers and previously identified to be located at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, is now tentatively scheduled to be located at Fort Drum, New York. Also over the next five years at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, an engineer brigade headquarters, a military police company, a Criminal Investigations Division (CID) battalion headquarters, and an engineer company activate, and a military police brigade headquarters and a truck company will be retained.

At Fort Richardson, Alaska over the next five years, two military police companies, an engineer company and a military police battalion headquarters activate, a truck company is retained, and a maneuver enhancement brigade previously identified for stationing at Fort Irwin, California is now scheduled to be located at Fort Richardson.

The plan identified the locations where the Army plans to station six new Brigade Combat Teams (BCTs) and two Multi-Functional Brigades, as well as another 30,000 Soldiers for Combat Support (CS), Combat Service Support (CSS) and institutional units. The plan identifies Army National Guard and US Army Reserve growth by state, but a detailed roll out will be provided at a separate time. The Army announcement can be found at www.army.mil/news/newsreleases.

In conjunction with Installation Management Command – Pacific, we will develop supplemental National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis and documentation if necessary, elicit public comment, and ensure comments are addressed in the final stationing decisions for these possible force level adjustments as we have done in the past. We will also continue our coordination with state, local and community officials, and actively participate in education planning meetings and neighborhood boards.

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